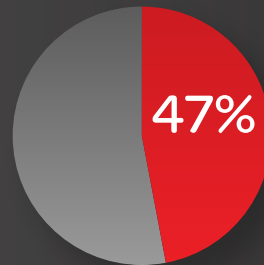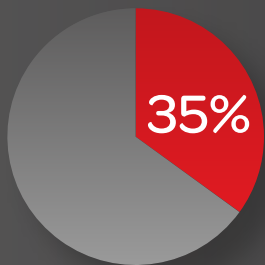# How Many Struggling Families Could You Help With $100 Million?

14.5% of the total U.S. population face a daily struggle with poverty.

However as many as **25,226** of families that receive public housing exceed eligibility income limits.

Over **$100M** is spent each year providing public housing assistance to families whose income exceeds stated eligibility income limits.
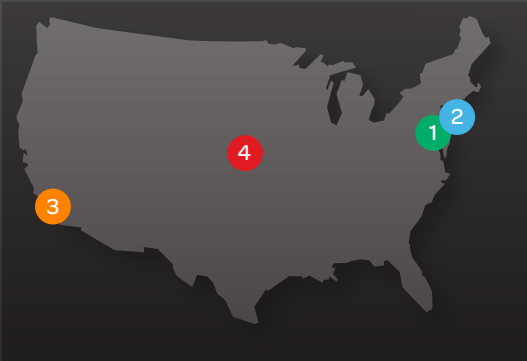
of the **25,226** families

35% have been in Public Housing for **longer than 5 years**

47% had **more than $10,000 greater** than the income limits

This money could otherwise have been used to help house the

579,890 low-income families on public housing authority waiting lists.

Case Studies

New York City
A four-person household's annual income was
$497,911
while the low-income threshold was
$67,100
The family paid an income-based ceiling rent of
$1,574
monthly for its public housing unit.

New Bedford, MA
A three-person household's annual income was
$212,845
while the low-income threshold was
$42,950
The family paid a flat rent of
$525
monthly for its public housing unit.

Los Angeles, CA
A five-person household's annual income was
$204,784
while the low-income threshold was
$70,450
The family paid a flat rent of
$1,091
monthly for its public housing unit.

Oxford, NE
A single-member household's annual income was
$65,007
while the low-income threshold was
$33,500
The family paid a flat rent of
$300
monthly for its public housing unit.

A single tenant who had total assets valued at nearly **$1.6 million** (including real estate valued at $470,600) was paying **only $300** a month in rent.

According to a recent Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit

0 of 15 surveyed housing authorities had established and implemented policies to evict or reduce the number of over-income families in its programs.

The OIG recommends that housing authorities establish policies to reduce the number of over-income families in public housing.

Thereby putting as much as an estimated **$104.4 million** to better use by providing those funds to eligible low-income families in need of housing assistance

To determine the minimum income thresholds where families would be eligible for transition out of public housing requires a combination of public data repositories, analytics and advanced linking technology.

Public Housing agencies need the ability to collect, verify and analyze data pertaining to housing assistance beneficiaries. Data mining and analytics have been crucial tools in the fight against fraud, waste and abuse, with proven success stories that have saved agencies millions of dollars.

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